GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2321
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STATUS OF COLONEL AND SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Colonel and a Superintending Engineer of IDSEon posting as CSWE become colleagues and equivalent to each other but on posting to staff appointments the relationship changes to that of a superior and a subordinate;

(b) whether his Ministry has asked Engineer-in-Chief`s Branch to establish equivalence as given to AFHQ and CSS vis-Ã -vis MES civilians;

(c) whether the Engineer-in-Chief`s Branch is not responding to above direction; and

(d) if so, the action is intended to establish the equivalence?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The E-in-C`s Branch have been requested to examine the issue of equivalence.

(c) No reply has been received so far from E-in-C`s Branch.

(d) As the issue under consideration is complex in nature, Army Headquarters may take some time to examine and submit a report with a proposal. It would not be possible to lay down a time frame for this.